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## NEW LIFESAVING APPLIANCES REQUIRED MARCH 11, 2001

The 1996 T-Boat Regulations require an upgrade in primary lifesaving equipment before the 10 year anniversary of keel laying or March 11, 2001, whichever is later. The new regulations will require an **Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus**. Certain vessels that meet strict subdivision requirements may be able to reduce its primary lifesaving to a **Lifefloat**.

**Ring buoys as substitutions and the old style buoyant apparatus will no longer be acceptable.**

The following are excerpts from Table 180.200(c) and are not fully encompassing:

Route	Vessel particulars	Capacity for Passengers Carried
Oceans Route	Cold water route (OR,WA)	100% Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus
	Cold with subdivision**	100% Lifefloat
Coastwise	Wood vessel, cold water	67% Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus
	Wood, cold w/subdivision**	100% Lifefloat
	Non-wood hull	100% Lifefloat
Limited Coastwise	Wood, cold water	67% Inflatable Buoyant Apparatus
	Wood with subdivision**	100% Lifefloat
	Non-wood hull, cold water	100% Lifefloat
Rivers	Cold water	50% Lifefloat
	Cold with subdivision	None
	Within 1 mile of shore	None

\*\* Subdivision requirements are defined in Part 180 and Subchapter S.

To read more about the requirements, refer to 46 CFR Part 180 or visit our website at

<http://www.uscg.mil/d13/units/msoportland/index.htm>

Subdivision requirements must be met and verified by Officer in Charge Marine Inspections to qualify for reduced lifesaving equipment. To ensure compliance with regulations and to prevent any vessel or inspection delays, request a review **before October 1, 2000**.

*Contact Marine Safety Office Portland, Oregon, Inspection Department to schedule a review at **503-240-9340**.*

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